FORM PTO-1390
(REV 12-29-99)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER

MUNR5702

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

09/582006

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/FR98/02776INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
18 December 1998PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
19 December 1997TITLE OF INVENTION
DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING A SADDLE HUB ON A PIPE AND CORRESPONDING TAPAPPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US
HELLE, Jacky;
CALCA, Alain

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☒ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information:

- Copy of International Application Published Under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), FRENCH LANGUAGE, including 1 page of cover sheet, 12 pages of specification, 5 pages claims (11 claims) and 4 sheets of drawings (Figures 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5);
International Publication date: July 1, 1999; International Publication Number WO 99/32823;

With:

- Copy of Chapter II Request (1 page);
- Copy of International Search Report (1 pages); and

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION of WO 99/32823, including 13 pages of specification, including 4 pages of claims (11 claims); 4 sheets of drawings (Figures 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)

I hereby certify that all above-listed documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. EL 426 709 835 US, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on June 19, 2000.

Signed [Alan W. Young]

Date: June 19, 2000

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 09/582006		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR98/02776		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER MUNR5702	
17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO \$970.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO \$840.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$690.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$670.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$96.00 <div style="text-align: right;">ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</div>				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	11 - 20 =	0	X \$18.00	\$	0
Independent claims	3 - 3 =	0	X \$78.00	\$	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$260.00	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$	840.00
Reduction of 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. A Small Entity Statement must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				\$	
SUBTOTAL =				\$	840.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$	840.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$	840.00
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
				charged:	\$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>840.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. Check Number: 5317 b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> Alan W. Young, Esq. Young Law Firm, P.C. 4370 Alpine Road, Suite 106 Portola Valley, CA 94028 USA Tel: 650-851-7210 Fax: 650-851-7232 </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: right;"> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;">June 19, 2000</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">SIGNATURE:</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">Alan W. Young, Esq.</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">NAME</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">37,970</div> <div>REGISTRATION NUMBER</div> </div> </div>					

526 Rec'd PCT/PTO 20 JUN 2000

PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	HELLE et al.	Art Unit No.:	To Be Assigned
	PCT WO 99/32823	Examiner:	To Be Assigned
Serial Number:	To Be Assigned	Att'y Docket:	MUNR5702
Filing Date:	To Be Assigned		
Title:	Device And Method For Mounting A Saddle Hub On A Pipe And Corresponding Tap		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents & Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to an examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 2 line 1, change "Device according to the previous claim" to --Device according to claim 1--;

Claim 5 line 1, change "Device according to the previous claim" to --Device according to claim 4--;

Claim 6 line 1, change "Device according to one of claims 4 or 5" to --Device according to claim 4--;

Claim 7 line 1, change "Device according to one of claims 4-6" to --Device according to claim 4--;

Claim 8 line 1, change "Device according to one of claims 4-7" to --Device according to claim 4--;

Claim 10 line 1, change "Method according to the previous claim" to --Method according to claim 9--;

REMARKS

The present preliminary amendment amends the dependent claims so as to remove the multiple dependencies therefrom. It is now believed that the present application is in condition for a timely examination on the merits. In the event, however, that there remain any questions relating to this preliminary amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions and whatever is needed will be done immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUNG LAW FIRM, P.C.

By: 

Alan W. Young, Esq.
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 37,970
4370 Alpine Road, Suite 106
Portola Valley, CA 94028
Telephone: (650) 851-7210

June 19, 2000

I hereby certify that this amendment is being sent by Express Mail
(label number EL 426 709 835 US)
to the Hon. Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks,
US Patent & Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

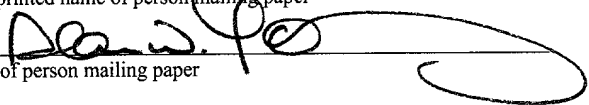
Date

June 19, 2000

ALAN W. YOUNG

Typed or printed name of person mailing paper

Signature of person mailing paper



**DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING A SADDLE HUB ON A
PIPE AND CORRESPONDING TAP**

The present invention concerns the mounting of a by-pass saddle on a pipe, particularly a pipe of supplier water or other fluid liquid or gas. First, the invention is relative to a device of assembly of a saddle comprising two side means of fixation.

Often the known saddles are tap saddles of by pass or closing systems for a pipe, provided with two side means of fixation arranged appreciably in contrast one of the another one so as to be able to tighten the saddle on the pipe with an appreciably homogeneous pressure on all the surface of support of the saddle. The joining of the saddle and the means of stress forms a ring.

Traditionally, the means of fixation are constituted of screws and nuts which tight the saddle on the pipe through a rein. For the same internal nominal diameter, the outside diameter varies according to the building material, cast iron, steel, cement, plastic materials, etc. To adapt itself to these variations of outside diameters with this type of fixation, it is necessary to change ring joining the saddle to the rein for fixing the saddle to the pipe. On some models of rings, the length the thread shrank of the screw and the shape of the ring allow by screwing more or less to adapt it to small variations of outside diameters of pipes. So, the known rings are constituted of two half-portions, two screws and two nuts or two tapped holes.

The known saddles present the major inconvenience to require to change of rein and saddle to adapt itself to great variations of outside diameters of pipe corresponding to different nominal diameters. Every nominal diameter of pipe requires generally at least a different ring, even though the rings are if the same type. The multitude of rings presents the inconvenience to constrain to increase stocks to adapt itself to various pipes.

Furthermore, for the great diameters, particularly superiors to 200 mm, the known reins are heavy and cumbersome, that makes difficult the mounting and the fixation of the saddle around the pipe in an opened trench. So the work of fitting of saddles with reins known on great diameters is long and tiring.

SHEET OF REPLACEMENT (RULE 26)

Known rings constituted of two half-parts, two screws and two nuts forming an
5 unity of connection which surrounds a pipe are described by the document DE-U-
9408836. This document presents a device of drilling of a pipe, device which contains a
radial drilling comprising one junction means. A waterproofness joint is arranged
between the unity of connection and the pipe. A muff of protection makes waterproof
10 drilling connection. The extremity of the junction means is stressed in a seal way on the
extremity of the muff of protection.

Rings for mounting of a by pass saddle on a pipe staying of small diameters
which do not require a hardness stressing are still known by document FR-A-2165360.
This document describes a saddle drilled in its centre which is applied with a
15 waterproofness joint against a pipe to leak out. The known saddle contains two means
of fixation or of stressing side. The saddle of the device includes hollows which are able
to cooperate with a stirrup of stressing carrying about semi-cylindrical bodies of support.
Hollows give to the extremities of the stirrup possible movements with rotation. For the
fixation, nuts of stressing possessing split pins are fixed to the extremities of the strip of
20 the stirrup by rolling-up of two lateral strips which penetrate in cracks foreseen in the
pins of the special nuts.

The document DE-A-2949932 shows a ring for mounting a saddle on a pipe. Said
saddle includes side means of fixation of a bracelet 11. This known ring presents a chain
constituted of a great number of stiff pieces, special links adapted to the only materials
25 hard that are not marked by an imprint. The chain is fixed by one of the screws crossing a
drilling arranged in the respective extremities of the known saddle.

Invention mainly aims to allow in a simple and fast way the connection of a by pass pipe on a full or empty pipe transporting a fluid with an important pressure. This without important stock of parts

For that purpose, the invention has for object a device of mounting of the aforesaid type, in which the means of stressing being an opened bracelet and deformable, the saddle and the bracelet forming a ring; the bracelet includes at least three means of fixation arranged regularly of an extremity to the another of said bracelet so as to adapt itself to the various outside diameters of pipe by the connecting and the stressing of at least two means of fixation of the bracelet to the means of fixation of the saddle

More specifically, the means of fixation of the bracelet are or include openings being able to let go and lock a part of the means of fixation of the saddle. Openings are arranged bit by bit from an extremity to another of the bracelet. The disposal bit by bit of the openings allows to cut in length the bracelet following the diameter of the pipe.

According to another characteristics and so that the stressing does not require more than a single tool particularly a flat wrench or in spanner, the bracelet is mounted by rotation on the saddle, mounting such as a pulled down locked an extremity of the bracelet around a T part one of the side means of fixation of the saddle, an opening of the bracelet arranging itself at the extremity of the pulling down to allow the passage of the part of connecting of the T of the saddle; the bracelet is provided with a means of reversible fixation such as one screw crossing another opening placed in its second extremity, said screw having to fix the second extremity of the bracelet to the second means of fixation of the saddle.

Pulling downs locked of extremity of the bracelet is arranged on the face of the bracelet intended to be tightened on the pipe so as to pinch at least a pulling down portion between said pipe and the outside edges of the bracelet.

With the aim of obtaining after preparation a ring forming only a single assembling, monoblock, the second extremity of the bracelet according to the invention is pulled down closed around a part of mobile locking of leaky and tapped cylindrical shape forming a sliding and turning nut in the pulling down of the extremity of said bracelet. Screw comes to settle on the one hand in the nut crossed the opening arranged at the end of the pulling down of the bracelet, on the other hand, the head of screw is pulled down in and to squeeze up on two fingers arranged in shape of fork to constitute the second side means of fixation of the saddle. The head of screw is maintained in the axis of fixation by a slice presenting a flat face and the other convex face arranged on the screw, the flat surface in the contact of the head of screw and the convex surface cooperating with a hollow convex imprint arranged in the hollow of the said fork.

These characteristics increase the resistance of the means of fixation while allowing a great clearance of screw and of the bracelet. They avoid the congestion of the half-portions of known rings with screws, thick and heavy reins and dismantling in various parts which provoke risks of losses and confusion between the part of rings of different sizes but with are alike.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/FR98/02776

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

- ☐ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description, pages 1-8, as originally filed,
pages _____, filed with the demand,
pages 1a, filed with the letter of 15 December 1999 (15.12.1999),
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the claims, Nos. _____, as originally filed,
Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
Nos. 1-11, filed with the letter of 15 December 1999 (15.12.1999),
Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/fig 1/4-4/4, as originally filed,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/FR 98/02776

of the band.

Said means are not known from the known prior art.

Consequently, despite the lack of clarity mentioned below (Box VIII), the subject matter of Claim 1 is novel and involves an inventive step.

The same applies to independent Claim 4.

Dependent Claims 2 and 5-11 contain additional features, which, in combination with those of any one of the claims to which they refer, define a subject matter that fulfils the requirements of the PCT concerning inventive step.

The subject matter of Claims 1-11 is novel (PCT Article 33(2)) and involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/FR 98/02776

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

Claims 1 and 4 are drafted in two parts. However only the features cited above (see Box V for Claim 1) should appear in the characterising portion, given that they are not disclosed in document D1 (PCT Rule 6.3(b)).

FR98/02776

19 DEC 97
+ 20 = 19 AUG 99

20 Oct -
Cryphon yom
medicament + 6 d
hell help

[illegible]

So as to obtain waterproofness during the fixation of the connection of loaded pipes, the saddle of by pass of the pipe greatly loads with it present appreciably in sound center a pipe opening of axis radial road with regard to the axis of the pipe. A supple joint realized in a making material which flows as rubber is fixed in a flat and a muff is adjusted in the pipe, a second joint is placed in the continuation of the muff in the contact of the means of fixation of the connection of by pass, average such as a tapping, two joints and muff presenting an internal diameter appreciably upper than the diameter of drilling to form a by pass in the pipe. The use of two joints and muff allows the more or less strong stressing of the connection with regard to the ring following the diameter of the pipe.

Arranged elongated longitudinally opening with regard to length of the bracelet allow the arrangement of said bracelet by rotation of a quarter of tour after penetration of the T.

To resist to the air corrosion and the corrosion of grounds, the saddle being particularly make bronze, characterized in that the bracelet includes mainly a strip made with not oxidable material in particular a metallic band coating with sluggish material such as a composition based of powder of epoxy. The band of the bracelet can also be realized in plastic making material.

This coating rustproof strip resists very well to any chemical corrosion with pipe with ferrous base.

Saddle, ring, screw, slice and nut resist to the air corrosion that they undergo during the stocking before the fitting on the pipe. This ring resist to more one thousand hours in salt fog without any corrosion.

Invention still has for object a method for mounting of a device of connection of an auxiliary pipe of by pass on a load or not supply water pipe, characterized in that said pipe having so well diameter, lower than the distance separating the two side means of fixation of the saddle, greatly equal to the distance separating the two side means of fixation of the saddle that upper than the distance separating the two side means of fixation of the saddle, it includes at least the following successive stages:

- preparation of a ring such as above defined, bracelet being put in length following of the diameter of the pipe,
- presentation and shaping of the ring on the pipe, - stressing of the set in position of functioning,
- screwing and stressing of the device of connection on the saddle,
- waterproof assembly of a device to drill outing of a bit on it upper opening of the hollow of the device of connection,
- drilling of the pipe,
- dismantling of the device to drill,
- lock of the device of connection,
- connecting the system of by pass to the auxiliary pipe.

Invention also has for object a tap of by pass of pipe including a body and one saddle, the body and the saddle being realized in a single set monoblock and / or in one piece and comprising at least two side means of fixation, the means of fixation being radial nerves with regard to the axis of the body of the tap, placing itself greatly in contrast one of the another one and being provided with a device for mounting on the pipe, characterized in that said device is such as describes this above.

A not restrictive example of the invention is now going to be described compared to drawings annexed on which:

- Fig. 1 represents in vertical sectional schematic view a ring, corresponding to the invention, fixed to pipes of three different outside diameters;
- Fig. 2 represent a saddle corresponding to the invention in top plan view, with its ring on the pipe;
- Fig. 3 are a rustproof strip, detail of an opened ring of the shape corresponding to the invention;
- Fig. 4 represent in schematic view a connection by means of a tap of branching of load pipe with a device corresponding to the invention.
- Fig. 5 represent a ring joint according to the invention in Half-sectional view.

The ring 1 fitted on pipe 2a , 2b , 2c of various outside diameters represented to Fig. 1 comprises a saddle 3, a rustproof metal metallic band 4 forming opened ring and deformable. A binding screw 5 fixed to a cylindrical nut 7 bound to the metallic band 4 revolves by the intermediary of a slice 6 in shape of half-sphere. The saddle 3 includes an axial pipe 8 provided with an intermediate muff 9 neighboring to two joints 10 , 11. A tap 12 of taking in charge of the fluid circulating in the pipe 2a , 2b , 2c is screwed on the saddle 3 by means of its thread extremity 13.

The saddle 3 comprises two side means of fixation 14,15, the means 15 of fixation 14 is a T of which cylindrical extremity 16 presents a parallel axis to the axis of the pipe. The other side means of fixation 15 is placed at the opposite of the means of fixation 14. An extremity 17 of the metallic band 4 is pulled down locked around the extremity 16 of the T of the saddle 3, the other extremity of the strip 18 is pulled down locked on the cylindrical nut 7. The screwing of screw her 5 in the nut 7 maintains the ring stressed on the pipe. If pipe 2a is of small diameter, screw 5 tightened is pulled down towards the axis of the pipe 8. The pipe 8 is of axis radial nerve by report has the axis of the pipe, a lower flat 19 of the pipe facilitates the

fitting of the lower joint 10 tablet in the flat 19 between the muff 9 and the surface of the pipe 2a. The lower joint 10 maintains waterproofness between pipe 2a and the muff 9. If the saddle 3 is fixed to a pipe 2b of average outside diameter, screw 5 revolves on the slice in shape of half-sphere 6 and is more opened than for a fixation of the saddle 3 on a pipe 2a of small diameter. The lower joint 10 marries the surface of the pipe 2b. Although pipe 2b of upper outside diameter has that of the pipe 2a prints less profoundly into the pipe 8, waterproofness between pipe 2b and the muff 9 is maintained by a stronger stressing of the tap on the saddle. This stressing pulls the compression of the muff 9 on the joint 10. Where from waterproofness between the muff 9, the joint 10 and pipe 2b. In case the saddle 3 is fixed to a pipe of great diameter 2c, screw 4 revolves more and the tap is tightened more him also in a way has to urge the muff 9 on the lower joint 10 ' to obtain waterproofness enter the joint 10 and the muff 9.

The saddle 3 is always maintained tightened on the pipe 2c and the lower joint 10 maintains also waterproofness between the pipe 2c and the muff 9. The tap 12 is screwed in the pipe 8 with the threading 20. The tap 12 locks the upper joint 11 on the muff 9 and is locked by one screw 5 freezing 21. The upper joint 11 maintains waterproofness between the tap 12 and the muff 9.

As shown more particularly Fig. 2, the means of fixation 15 of the saddle 3 is constituted of two fingers which constitute a fork. The stem of screw 5 going by the groove 22 formed between the two fingers of the fork 15.

The lateral opening of this groove allows the rotation and the passage of the thread stem of even screw which is already fixed in the cylindrical nut 7. A spherical hollow imprint arranged in the hollow of the fork 15 forms the flat of the slice 6 by allowing it to have a function of kneecap while obtaining an important leading of screw 5. The extremity of the saddle in shape of fork 15 allows a fast mounting without having to remove screw with its cylindrical nut, so avoid the loss of any part of the part ring assembly being monoblock before the moment of the mounting.

Two tapped drillings are arranged radically in the pipe 8 in the top of the saddle 3. These drillings receive one screw of locking 21 that prevents the loosening of the tap 12 with regard to the saddle 3 during the operations of the tap 12.

The strip 4 presents an extremity in another one, the openings 24 arranged bit by bit as represented on Fig. 3. These openings 24 are elongated and arranged longitudinally with regard to the length the strip 4. These forms and capacities of openings 24 allow to thread the extremity 17 of the strip on the T 14 and to fix it by rotation and pulling down. These openings allow also the passage of the stem of screw 5 since the cylindrical nut 7 in the direction of the saddle 3 and of extremity of the stem which overtakes of the cylindrical nut 7.

In variant some openings can not be elongated.

Fig. 4 shows a connection on a full pipe of one tap of by pass with valve of the type with vertical axis of operation 12. The elements of the device of fixation are tracked down by the same digital references that elements corresponding of the device of fixation represented on Fig. 1 - 3. The pipe of entrance 8 is fixed in a way seal on the pipe 2 by stressing of the bracelet 4 on the side means of fixation 14, 15 of the ring 1. The pipe 8 results in a opened chamber 26 in the upper part of the

body of tap 25. Partially high the opened chamber 26 results in two pipes, a lateral pipe 27 and a vertical pipe 28.

A machine to drill 29 is mounted on the body 25 in the axis of the pipe 28 of the opened chamber 26 and the pipe 8. A shutter 30 is mounted on the tap 12 towards the lateral pipe 27. The shutter is constituted of one screw 31 leaded in a sheath 32 the screw moving a head of closing 33 that can go into the sheath 32 prolonged by an cross-piece 34. The head of closing can also go out of the sheath 30 to fill in a way seal the high part of the opened chamber 26.

Fixation and the connection according to the invention of a tap of connecting a full pipe are made in the following way, a strip 4 drilled bit by bit of elongated openings is cut in the length foreseen to correspond to the outside diameter of the pipe water conveyance. The strip is coated in a making material constituted in base of powder of epoxy, that rounds off the sharp edges of edges. An extremity of the strip 4 is introduced into the T 14 by an elongated opening by leaving of the end of the strip 4. A rotation locks the strip on the T 14. The cylindrical nut 7 is placed in the other extremity of the strip 4. Two extremities are pulled down closed, an elongated opening establishing an opening towards every extremity. Screw 5 comes to lock the nut 7 by way of the second opening by leaving of the end of the strip 4, second opening which forms the opening of extremity with the pulling down of the edge of the extremity 18 of the strip. The saddle 3, the strip 4 forming bracelet and screw 5 form only a single assembly ring the bracelet which is able to revolve with regard to the saddle 3 on the cylindrical part of the T 16.

A single person be enough to place the ring 1 on the pipe 2, to close the bracelet around the pipe, to place and to screw 5 in the groove 22 that tightens and immobilizes the ring on the pipe 2. The tap 12 is screwed on the saddle 3 in the variant where the saddle 3 and the tap 12 are constituted of different parts. The machine to drill 29 and the shutter 30 are mounted on the tap 12. Then pipe 2 is drilled, then the bit of the machine to drill 29 went back up. Suck it of closing 33 is moved and maintains the waterproofness of the high part of the opened chamber 26. The machine to drill 29 is unsettled. A cork comes to close the pipe 28. The head of closing is put off and the lock of the tap 12 allows the unsettling of the shutter, followed from the connecting of the main pipe 2a , 2b , 2c in an auxiliary pipe of by pass.

In variant, the saddle 3 and the body 25 of the tap 12 of by pass pipe in function are realized in a single assembly ring presenting a pipe of entrance capable of being fixed in a way seal on the pipe 2a , 2b , 2c, the said pipe of entrance resulting to a opened chamber containing in its top a pipe of lateral exit 27, the opened chamber 26 presenting a vertical upper pipe 28 fate to be filled receiving in a way seals a machine to drill 29.

According to another variant of realization waterproofness between the ring and pipe 2 is maintained by a one part joint with lips such as represented on Fig. 5. The lower face 35 of the joint is concave with a curve of at least equal to the curve of the pipe 2. The peripheral part 36 presents an line 37 separating it in at least two

faces 38 , 39. The upper face 40 of the joint is confused with a line of curvature giving it a convex aspect. Peripheral and superior faces 38 , 39 , 40 of the joint with lips come to find accommodation in the foreseen imprint under the sole of the saddle 3. The internal part 41 bounding the hollow of the said joint presents an opened re-entrant angle separating at least two faces 42 , 43 of different hillsides. The upper inside 42 having an orientation upward and the lower inside 43 having an orientation downward the pressure of the fluid P1 going in the hollow of the joint with lips decomposes into two constituents, P2 upward in direction to the imprint and another P3 toward the surface of the pipe 2 by way of the outside faces of the joint. The said joint is capable of maintaining waterproofness with pipe 2a , 2b , 2c of various diameters by variation in intensity and place of the pressure and the compression on the pipe 2a , 2b , 2c about is its diameter.

Although invention was described in regard with very particular structures, it is no limited to it and it can be bring to this different variants, as for example combinations of different realizations represented on drawings or above described, without going out of the invention.

Inserted reference signs after technical characteristics mentioned in claims have for only purpose to facilitate the understanding of these last ones and do not there limit at all the reach.

CLAIMS

1) Device for mounting a by pass saddle hub (3) on a pipe, the saddle comprising at least two means of fixation or of fitting on the sides (14,15), the said saddle being a possibly saddle of by pass or closing tap (12) intended to be fixed in a way seals on the pipe, the device for mounting including a means of stressing of the saddle and the means of fixation being able to cooperate with the means of fixation of the said saddle, the means of stressing being an opened bracelet and deformable (4), the saddle (3) and the bracelet (4) forming a ring, characterized in that the means of fixation are arranged regularly of an extremity to the another of said bracelet so as to adapt itself to the various outside diameters of pipe by the connecting and the stressing of at least two means of fixation of the bracelet (4) to the means of fixation (14,15) of the saddle (3), the bracelet including mainly a strip and being installed by rotation on the saddle (3), the means of rotation including at least a rotator mobile part of locking drilled and tapped installed sliding and turning in at least an extremity of the bracelet.

2) Device according to the previous claim, characterized in that the by pass saddle (3) of the pipe particularly loads presents greatly in it middle an outing opening (8) of radial axis with regard to the axis of the pipe, a supple joint (10) surmounted by a muff (9) being adjusted in the opening, a second joint (11) being placed in the continuation of the muff (9) in the contact of the means of fixation of the connection of the by pass pipe (12), means such as a tapping, the two joints (10,11) and the muff (9) presenting an internal diameter greatly upper than the diameter of drilling to form a by pass to the pipe.

3) Device according to the claim 1, characterized in that waterproofness between the ring and pipe (2) is insured by a one block joint with lips of with presenting a concave lower face (35) a curve in at least equal to the curve of the pipe (2), its peripheral part (36) presenting one exceeding line (37) separating it in at least two faces (38 , 39), the upper face (40) of the joint being confused with a curve giving it a bulged aspect, the peripheral and upper faces (38 , 39 , 40) coming to be arranged in the foreseen print under the sole of the saddle (3), the internal part (41) bounding the hollow of said joint presenting a opened inner angle separating at least two faces (42 , 43) of different inclinations, the upper face (42) having an upward position and the lower face (43) having an downward position the pressure of the fluid (P1) crossing the hollow of the lip joint be separated into constituents one (P2) in toward direction of the print top and another (P3) towards the surface of the pipe (2) by way of the outside faces of the joint, said joint being able of maintaining waterproofness with pipes (2a , 2b , 2c) of different diameters by variation of intensity and place of the pressure and the compression on the pipe (2a , 2b , 2c) with any diameter.

4) Device for mounting a by pass saddle (3) on a pipe, the saddle comprising at least two means of fixation or of stressing (14,15) on the sides, said saddle being possibly a saddle of by pass or closing tap(12) in view to be fixed in a way seals on the pipe, the device for mounting including a means of stressing of the saddle and means of fixation being able of cooperating with the means of fixation of said saddle, the means of stressing being an opened and deformable bracelet (4), the saddle (3) and the bracelet (4) forming a ring, characterized in that the means of fixation are arranged regularly from an extremity to the another of said bracelet so as to adapt itself to the various outside diameters of pipe by the connecting and the stressing of at least two means of fixation of the bracelet (4) with the means of fixation (14,15) of the saddle (3), the bracelet being arranged following a rotation on the saddle (3), an extremity of the bracelet being pulled down closed around a mobile locking part, drilled and tapped functioning as a nut (7) of cylindrical shape allowing to slide and to turn in the pulled portion of the extremity of said bracelet, the screw (5) coming to settle of one hand in the cylindrical nut (7) after having crossed a opening placed at the end of the pulled portion of the bracelet, on the other hand, the head of the screw (5) having to go down in and to stress it on two fingers arranged in shape of fork (15) to constitute a lateral means of fixation of the saddle.

5) Device according to the previous claim, characterized in that the bracelet being mounted by a rotation on the saddle (3) by a pulled down closed an extremity of the bracelet around the mobile locking piece leaky and tapped forming the cylindrical nut (7) which combined with a means of reversible fixation such as one screw (5) shaped of a T one of the side being one of means of fixation (14,15) of the saddle (3), an opening of the bracelet arranging itself at the extremity of the pulled down to allow the passage of the part of connecting of the T of the saddle (3), the means of reversible fixation such as the screw (5) crossing another opening placed in its extremity closer of limit bracelet, said screw having to fix the extremity of the bracelet by means of fixation of the saddle.

6) Device according to one of claims 4 or 5, characterized in that the means of fixation of the bracelet from a first extremity is or includes openings(24) being able of a possible crossing and locking of the means of fixation of the saddle, the means of fixation being arranged bit by bit from the other extremity of said bracelet.

7) Device according to one of claims 4 - 6, characterized in that the means for arranging the opened and deformable bracelet include or is elongated openings (24) arranged longitudinally with regard to the length of the bracelet, in particular pulled downs closed extremity of the bracelet (4) being arranged on the face of the bracelet intended to be tightened on the pipe so as to pinch at least one pulled down between said pipe and the outside edges of the bracelet (4), typically the slice (6) presenting a flat face and the other face of convex shape being mounted on the screw (5), the flat surface with contact of the head of screw (5) and the convex surface cooperating with a hollow convex imprint arranged in the hollow of the fork (15).

8) Device according to one of claims 4 - 7, the saddle (3) being particularly make bronze, characterized in that the bracelet includes mainly a strip made with not oxidable material (4) in particular a metallic band coating with sluggish material such as a composition based of powder of epoxy.

9) Method for mounting of a device of connection of an auxiliary pipe of by pass on a load or not supply water pipe, characterized in that said pipe having so well diameter, lower than the distance separating the two side means of fixation of the saddle (2a), greatly equal to the distance separating the two side means of fixation of the saddle (2b) that upper than the distance separating the two side means of fixation of the saddle (2c), it includes at least the following successive stages:

- preparation of a ring (1) corresponding to one of claims 1 - 8, bracelet being put in length following of the diameter of the pipe (2a , 2b , 2c),
- presentation and shaping of the ring (1) on the pipe, - stressing of the set in position of functioning,
- screwing and stressing of the device of connection on the saddle,
- waterproof assembly of a device to drill (29) outing of a bit on it upper opening (28) of the hollow of the device of connection,
- drilling of the pipe,
- dismantling of the device to drill (29),
- lock of the device of connection,
- connecting the system of by pass to the auxiliary pipe.

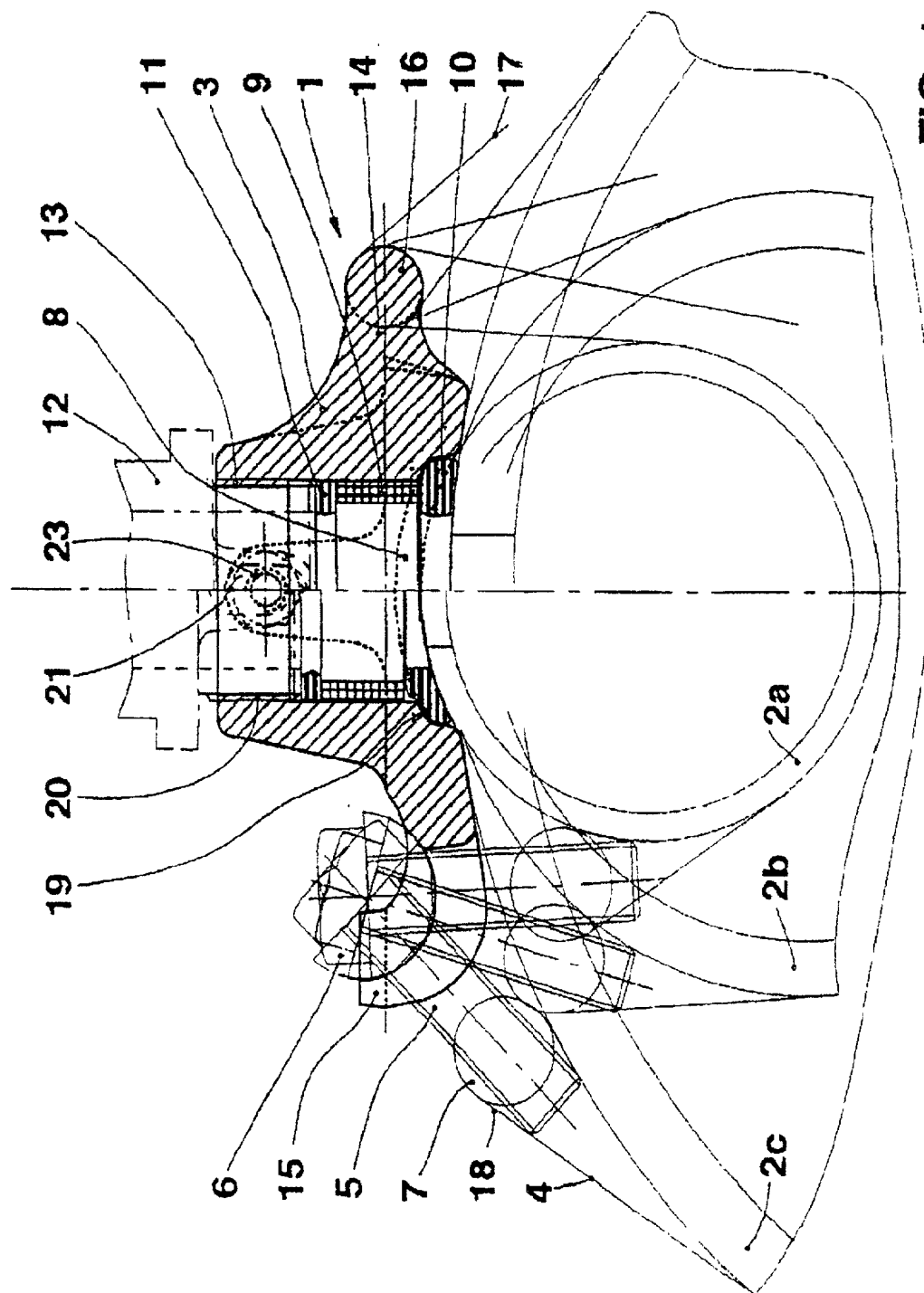
10) Method according to the previous claim, characterized in that the shaping of the ring (1) on the pipe is obtained by an assembly in rotation, the stressing of the set in position of functioning being made with a single tool.

11) tap (12) of by pass of pipe including a body (25) and one saddle (3), the body and the saddle being realized in a single set monoblock and / or in one piece and comprising at least two side means of fixation (14,15), the means of fixation (14 , 15) being radial nerves with regard to the axis of the body of the tap (12), placing itself greatly in contrast one of the another one and being provided with a device for mounting on the pipe, characterized in that said device is such as one of claims 1 - 8.

WO 99/32823

PCT/FR98/02776

1 / 4



WO 99/32823

PCT/FR98/02776

2 / 4

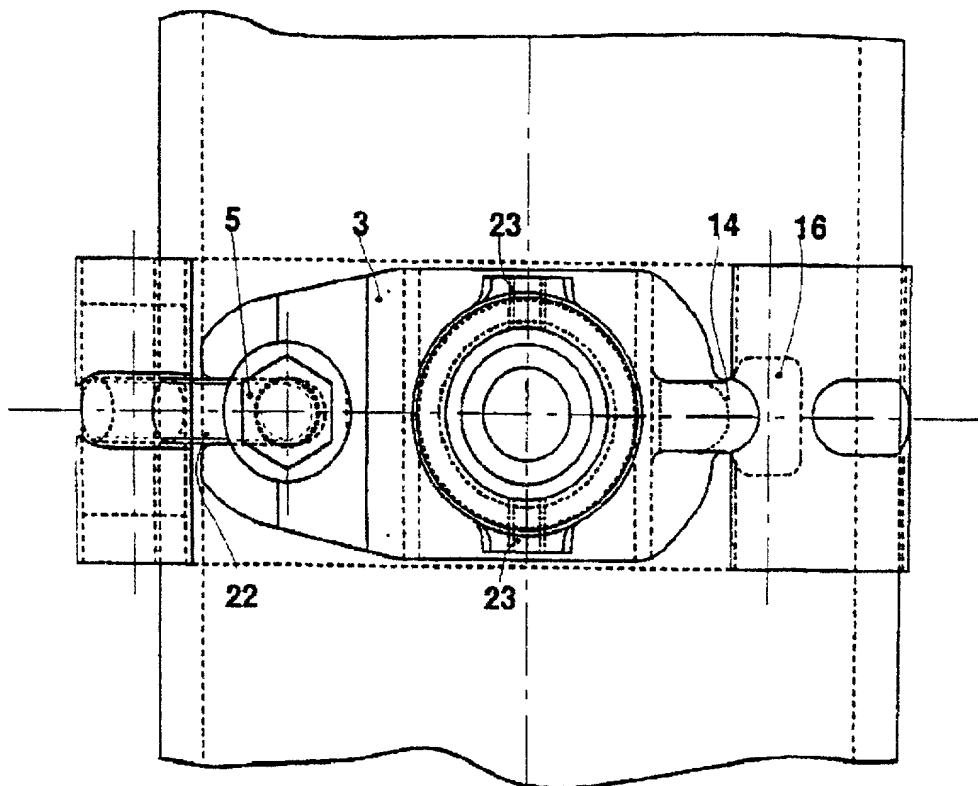


FIG. 2

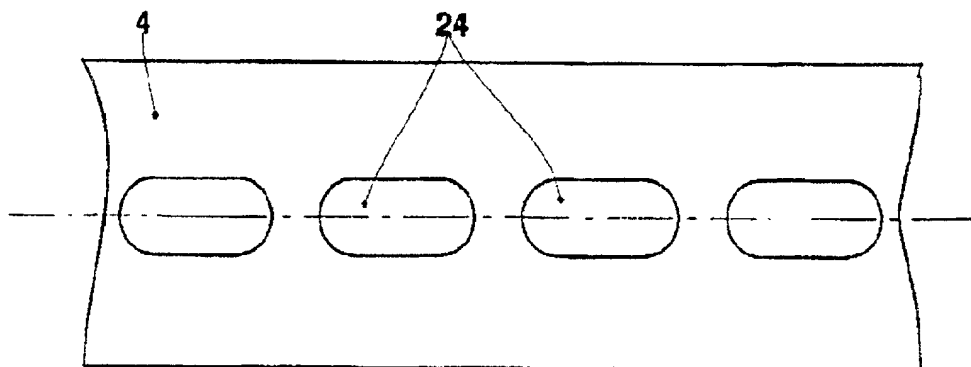


FIG. 3

3 / 4

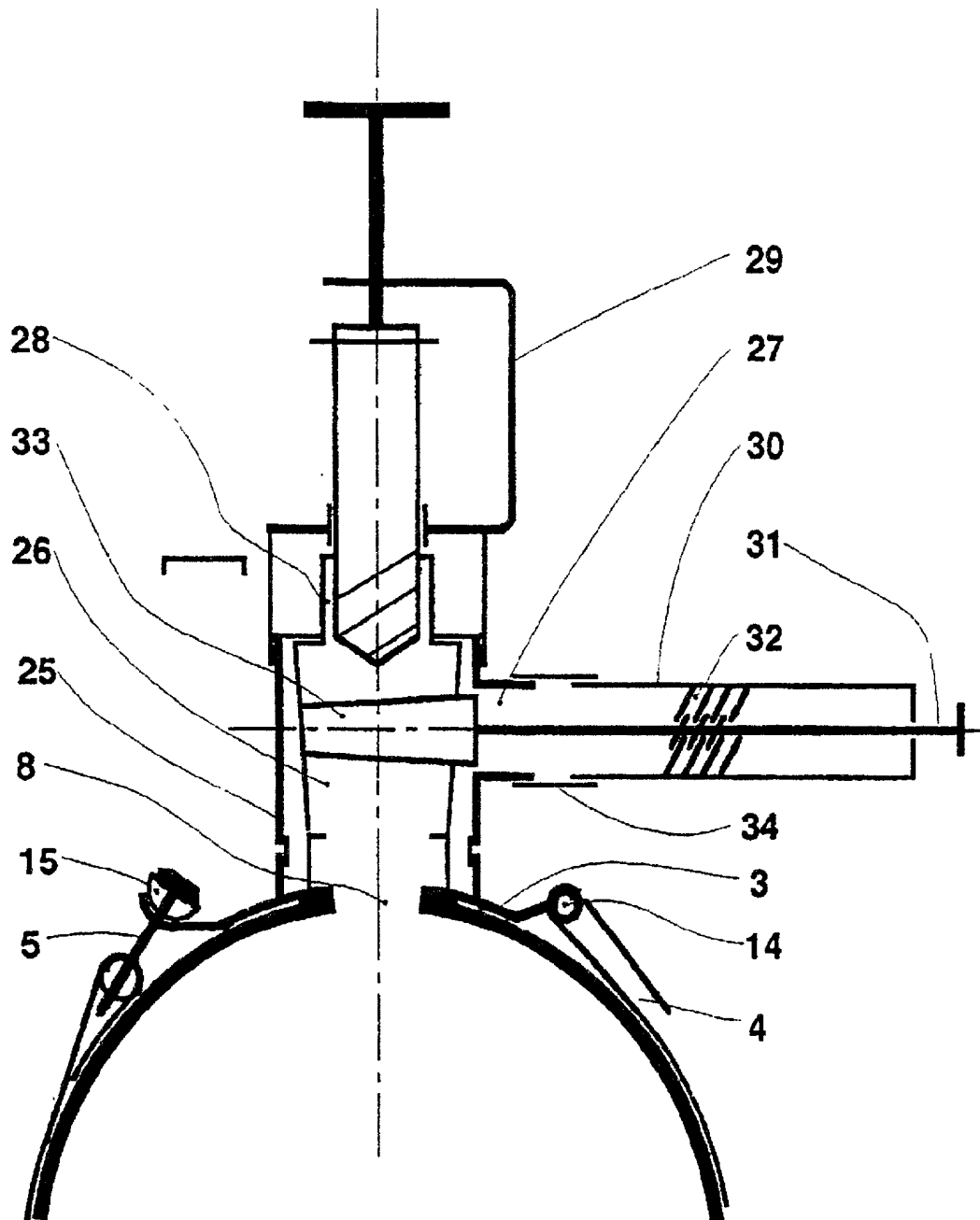


FIG. 4

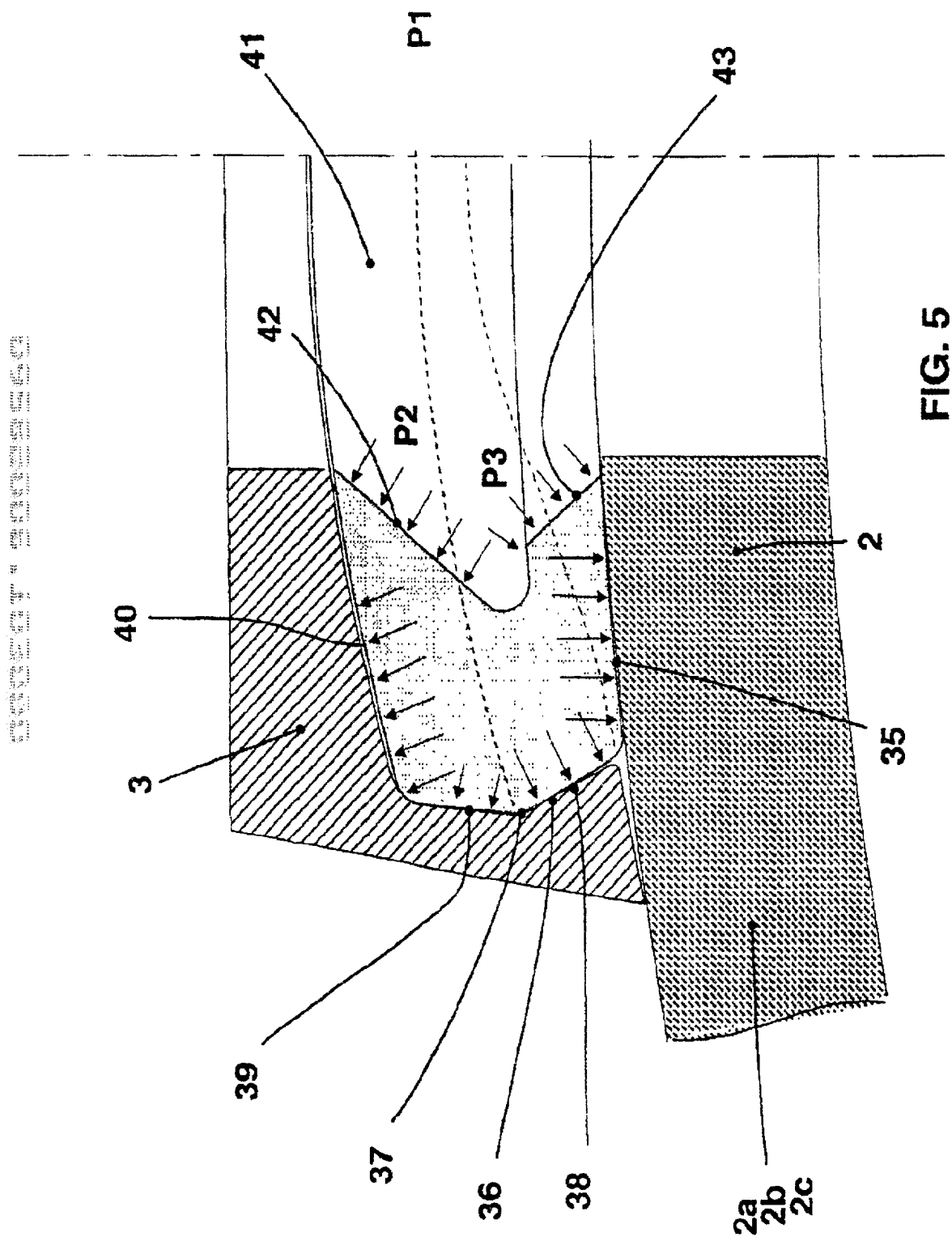


FIG. 5

PRIORITY CLAIM

☐ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed
FRANCE	97/16440	December 19, 1997	YES

(Complete this part only if this is a continuing application.)

☐ I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No. :

Filing Date :

Status-patented, pending, abandoned: _____

☐ I hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

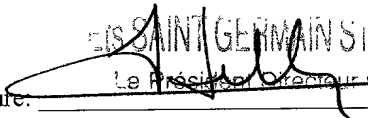
Application Serial No. :

Filing Date :

I Jacky HELLE as manager of Saint-Germain & Straub SA, hereby declare that

- During year 1997 Mr Calça and I invented a Device And Method For Mounting A Saddle Hub On A Pipe And Corresponding Tap, this invention corresponds to PCT application number PCT/FR98/02776 and French priority.
- Mr Calça was employee by Saint-Germain & Straub SA until July 31, 1999.
- The June 3, 1999, Mr Calça assigned his part of the application to his employer the corporation Saint-Germain & Straub SA, thus during the international phase of the PCT application.
- July 31, 1999, Mr Calça left Saint-Germain & Straub SA and since this date, he doesn't signed any document concerning Saint-Germain & Straub SA.

Full name of Saint-Germain & Straub SA manager: HELLE, Jacky

Manager 's signature: 

SAINT GERMAIN STRAUB S.A.
Le Président, Directeur Général,

Date: 9/10/2000

Residence: 22 place de la Mairie
F-80130 Friville-Escarbotin
France

Post Office Address: Same

Citizenship: FRENCH

Enclosed :

- copy of letter of dismissal of Mr Calça
- copy of letter of claiming about the French patent (priority of dismissal of PCT/FR98/02776) of Mr Calça

PATENTS
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: HELLE et al. Art Unit No.: To Be Assigned
Examiner: To Be Assigned
Int'l App. No.: PCT/FR98/02776 Att'y Docket: MUNR5702
Filing Date: 12/18/98
US App. No. 09/582,006
Title: Device And Method For Mounting A Saddle Hub On A Pipe And Corresponding Tap

AFFIDAVIT UNDER 37 CFR §1.42(a)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents & Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231
Sir:

I, Jacky HELLE, having my residence at

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of inventor: HELLE, Jacky

Inventor's signature: 
Residence: Ets SAINT GERMAIN STRAUB S.A.
Le Président Directeur Général,
22 place de la Mairie
F-80130 Friville-Escarbotin
France

Date: 9/10/2000

Post Office Address: Same
Citizenship: FRENCH

I hereby certify that this amendment is being sent by Express Mail
(label number EL 426 709 835 US)
to the Hon. Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks,
US Patent & Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

Date

ALAN W. YOUNG
Typed or printed name of person mailing paper

Signature of person mailing paper

☐ FILENAME \p ☐ C:\YLF\CLIENTS\MUNIER\5702 prelim AMDT.doc ☐

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING A SADDLE HUB
ON A PIPE AND CORRESPONDING TAP

- ☒ Regular
☐ Design Application

the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☐ was filed on
☐ and assigned application Serial No.

PCT FILED APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL STAGE

- ☒ was described and claimed in International application
No. PCT/FR98/02776 having an international filing date
of 18 December 1998
☐

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information

☒ Which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56
☒ and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and

☐ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorney or agent named herein to accept and follow instructions as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney or agent and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorney or agent named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: ALAN W. YOUNG, Reg. No. 37,970, of YOUNG LAW FIRM, P.C., 4370 Alpine Road, Suite 106, Portola Valley CA 94028.

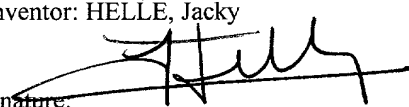
Address all communications to Alan W. Young at YOUNG LAW FIRM

A Professional Corporation
4370 Alpine Road, Suite 106
Portola Valley, CA 94028
Tel: (650) 851-7210
Fax (650) 852-7232

alan@younglawfirm.com

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of 1st inventor: HELLE, Jacky

Sole inventor's signature: 

Residence: 22 Place de la Mairie
F-80130 Friville-Escarbotin,
France

Post Office Address: Same

Citizenship: FRENCH

Date: 9/10/2000

Full name of 2nd inventor: CALCA Alain

2nd inventor's signature: _____

Residence: 3 Route de Dagnies
F-80220 Bouvraincourt sur Bresles
France

Post Office Address: Same

Citizenship: FRENCH

Date: _____